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To: All

The Vermont Department of Education (DOE) and Vermont Data Consortium (VDC) are pleased to announce a joint initiative that will extend access to the Education Data Warehouse (EDW) to all Vermont public school districts. In addition, this initiative seeks to improve access to education data by current EDW users and the public, via the launch of the EDW report portal.

In summary, the proposed initiative includes the following components:

1. The VDC will extend BASIC membership to the Vermont Data Consortium to all Vermont supervisory unions/school districts between May 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009. BASIC membership includes access to the EDW ad hoc query tool and the soon-to-be-launched EDW report portal. This membership will grant each “central office” three user accounts: (1) Superintendent, (2) Business Manager/HR Director and (3) a third account, called “Curriculum” which can be given to a curriculum leader, data manager or technology director.
2. DOE will implement and launch the EDW report portal in September. In addition to a secure “members only” access, the report portal will also include an area where citizens will have access to public reports. Also, in order to extend additional access to the education community, DOE will offer “report portal” accounts to all Vermont public school principals. The “point and click” reports available through the report portal will allow principals to access reports related to their school without the need for the training necessary to utilize the EDW ad hoc query tool.

This initiative is funded by several grants which have been awarded to DOE and the VDC. The VDC would like to extend a special “thanks” to Windham Southeast Supervisory Union for agreeing to serve as its fiscal agent in support of this initiative. DOE also would like to express its gratitude to all the stakeholders whose input shaped this important initiative.

Read the brochure that provides further detail about EDW and the Vermont Data Consortium at http://www.vermontdata.org/documents/VDC_2008_09_Brochure.pdf Each superintendent will receive a follow-up email by a VDC staff person to set up each of these accounts and make arrangements for user trainings. DOE staff will contact principals with information about the process for obtaining a report portal account later this summer.

If you would like to share your thoughts, concerns or questions, please contact VDC Executive Director, Amy Cole at acole@vdcmembers.org or VTDOE IT Director, Lisa Gauvin at lisa.gauvin@state.vt.us.